

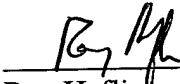
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 10/197,829 (*Q77574*)

REMARKS

Claims 15 and 16 presently are pending in this application. The Examiner canceled claims 15 and 16 for being directed to a non-elected Specie, as indicated in the Notice of Allowance mailed June 27, 2003 in parent Application No. 10/197,829.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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